passports. An Inter-Ministerial Technical Sub-committee, which was constituted in 1988 under this Committee, meets regularly to study the trends in passport forgeries and to introduce new security features in Indian Passports, Travel Documents and Visa stickers.

(c) The Committee recommended implementation of More Secured Passport (MSP), Machine Readable Passport (MRP) and Machine Readable Visa (MRV). India also attends meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on standardisation of security features for incorporation in travel documents and visas in all member countries.

(d) Most of these recommendations have been implemented or are in various stages of implementation.

Over staying by Indians in Israel

998. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of illegal over staying by Indians have been reported from Israel last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the organisers who sent the farmers to study the irrigation system in Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) A total of 135 Indian nationals were reported to have over stayed in Israel during the year 2002.

(c) The concerned authorities in India have been informed about the involvement of certain agents in sending Indian nationals to Israel for further action in the matter.

List of Indian insurgents living in Bangladesh

999. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given to the Government of Bangladesh a list of 88 Indian insurgents living in the Bangladeshi soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Bangla Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) A list of 86 Indian insurgents arrested by Bangladesh security agencies and police over various periods of time was handed over to DG Bangladesh Rifles during the Director General Level Talks held between DG BSF and DG BDR on 28th Oct.-2nd Nov., 2002. DG BDR reiterated the assurance of Government of Bangladesh that it would not allow its territory to be used for anti-Indian activities. Government of India continues to engage Government of Bangladesh towards a resolution of this problem.

Purchase of Jinnah House

1000. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to buy M.A. Jinnah's House in UK as reported in the 'Asian Age' dated the 20th December, 2002; and

(b) if so, the purpose behind spending a lot of amount on this when Pak has declined to come forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Samadhi of Prithviraj Chauhan

1001. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the difficulties being faced in bringing the 'Samadhi' of the last Hindu King Prithviraj Chauhan to India which is lying neglected in Afghanistan;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to bring the 'Samadhi' to India after reports of its desecration during the Taliban regime; and